

The credit is applicable to the following expenses:

1. Transit Instruments - Weekly and monthly MTA passes, fare cards, vouchers or similar items
2. Company Vanpool program - Van purchase or lease, gas/oil/tires, maintenance, insurance, equal access equipment
3. Guaranteed Ride Home program - Employer offers transportation home in case of an emergency or unscheduled overtime... Could be taxi, rental car, transit, or company vehicle.
4. Cash in Lieu of Parking program - An employer who previously offered subsidized parking to employees has a change in parking policy, and instead gives employees the taxable cash equivalent of the subsidy each month in their paychecks. The employees then must decide whether they want to use the money to pay the full market value of the parking space, or pocket the money and get into a carpool/vanpool arrangement, or use transit to get to work.

Employers must submit a registration form every year prior to the last day of the taxable year in which the credit will be claimed. To obtain a registration form, call 410-767-8755 or go to www.commuterchoicemaryland.com and click on Ways to Save, then, Maryland Commuter Tax Credit. The Maryland Commuter Tax Credit program is the most generous program of its type in the country.

CARPOOLING AND VANPOOLING

Carpooling and vanpooling are smart, environmentally conscious ways to get to work because they reduce the number of cars on congested roads and in crowded parking lots. Not to mention they allow riders to use the faster High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on US 50 in

Prince George's County, I-270 in Montgomery County, and I-66, I-95, and I-395 in Virginia. Best of all, they help you save lots of money on your commute. Call 301-600-RIDE for more information on joining or starting a vanpool.

So how do you find a carpool or vanpool that's going your way? Call 1-800-745-RIDE, or go online to www.commuterconnections.com and fill out a Rideshare application. Instantly, you will view a list of potential ride partners who live near you, work near you and have similar hours. TransIT Services of Frederick County can also assist you in finding or starting the perfect carpool or vanpool arrangement. Call them at 301-600-RIDE. It's a free service.

GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

So you're thinking of taking transit to work or getting into a carpool or vanpool, but you're afraid of being stranded at the worksite if there is an emergency at home or your boss needs you to work overtime one day? There's no need to worry with Guaranteed Ride Home.

Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) provides commuters who vanpool, carpool, bike, walk, or take transit at least 2 days per week with a reliable ride home when one of life's unexpected emergencies arises. Commuters will be able to use GRH up to four times per year. Best of all, the ride home by cab, rental car, or transit is absolutely free!

To begin receiving GRH benefits, register online at www.commuterconnections.com. You will receive a Commuter ID card with a personal registration number. Use the card whenever you need GRH services.

When an emergency arises, call 1-800-745-RIDE, Monday - Friday (except holidays) from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. A representative of Commuter Connections will arrange for transportation from a network of providers who offer transportation options to get you home quickly and safely.

FREDERICK COUNTY PARK & RIDE LOCATIONS

| Park & Ride | Commute Modes | Location | # of spaces |
|----------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Frederick Armory | Car/Vanpool | MD 144 East of Frederick @ I-70, Exit 56 | 100 |
| Jefferson | Car/Vanpool | US 340 @ Lander Road, Exit 8 | 60 |
| Myersville | Car/Vanpool | I-70 @ MD 17, Exit 42 | 63 |
| New Market | Car/Vanpool | I-70 @ MD 75, Exit 62 | 54 |
| Rosemont | Car/Vanpool | MD 180 @ MD 17 | 46 |
| Urbana | Car/Vanpool | I-270 @ MD 80 (North Lot), Exit 26 | 164 |
| Urbana | Ride On, MTA 991 Commuter Bus | I-270 @ MD 80 (South Lot), Exit 26 | 230 |
| Monocacy Park & Ride | MTA 991 Commuter Bus, MARC Train, TransIT Bus | 7800 GenStar Drive | 870 |
| Woodsboro | Car/Vanpool | Rt. 194 @ Main Street | 25 |

YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS! RIDE ONE!

Options from Monocacy Park & Ride

- MARC Train to Montgomery Co. and DC
- MTA 991 Commuter Bus to Shady Grove Metro
- TransIT Bus to Frederick City and County
- Car/Vanpool parking

Options from Frederick

- MARC Train from downtown station to Montgomery Co. and DC
- TransIT Meet-the-MARC Shuttles from several locations to downtown or Point of Rocks
- TransIT Bus to locations within Frederick City and County
- Telework Center at 7340 Executive Way, Frederick, MD

Options from Urbana Park & Ride

- MTA 991 Commuter Bus to Shady Grove Metro
- Montgomery Co. Ride On #75 to Germantown Transit Center
- Car/Vanpool parking

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Driving has never been more expensive, with gas prices going through the roof, parking costs rising everyday, and roads continually getting more congested. It's time to consider alternative commuting options. Think of all the money, time and aggravation you can save by using one of these transportation alternatives! Not to mention the benefits of reduced pollution and energy consumption. Make the switch and start saving today!

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TransIT Services of Frederick County301-600-2065
Websitewww.co.frederick.md.us/transit

Frederick Telework Center301-698-2700
Fax.....301-696-2848
Websitewww.ibacorp.us/locations.html#frederick

Hagerstown Telework Center301-745-5601
Fax.....301-745-5700
Websitewww.wc-link.org/telework/

Maryland Transit Administration
Transit Information866-743-3682
Website.....www.mtamaryland.com

Maryland Commuter Tax Credit.....410-767-8750
Websitewww.commuterchoicemaryland.com

Commuter Connections
Carpool/Vanpool Match Services800-745-7433
Websitewww.commuterconnections.com

MARC Train Services800-325-7245
Website.....www.mtamaryland.com



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FREDERICK COUNTY GUIDE TO COMMUTING OPTIONS

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GUARANTEED RIDE HOME • TELECOMMUTING
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YOUR RIDE IS HERE.

DO YOU KNOW ALL YOUR COMMUTING OPTIONS?

Why drive to work when there are safer, more economical alternatives?

If you live or work in Frederick County, TransIT Services of Frederick County can be a valuable resource to help you discover all your commuting options. This Guide to Frederick County Commuting Options is packed with useful information that can make a huge difference in how you get around. You'll learn about carpool and vanpool opportunities, Local and Commuter Bus routes and schedules, and MARC Train departures from downtown Frederick and Monocacy Park & Ride. And that's just the beginning. The goal of this brochure is to provide you with a comprehensive look at commute options right here in Frederick County. Please consult the companion guide "Frederick County Guide to Commuter Trip Planning" for schedule information on various modes.

Driving to work is a popular choice among Frederick County commuters. But is it the right choice for you? Traffic on I-270 to DC is bumper-to-bumper and the secondary arteries are just as jammed. And once you reach DC you're still not out of the woods. If your employer doesn't provide parking for you, now you have to find a parking space that will cost you \$20 or more. Your one-way trip to DC has wasted a lot of time and money. But are you aware of exactly how much money you are wasting?

It's these "hidden costs" of driving that most commuters are not aware of. AAA reports that during 2008 the average cost to operate a new car per mile is \$.541. This figure represents the average cost per mile for gas, tires, maintenance, depreciation, tags, registration, taxes, and insurance for a new car traveling 15,000 miles per year. To put this all in perspective, let's do some simple calculations.

TRIP BY CAR TO WORK

Your round trip mileage from Frederick County to Washington, DC = 90 miles.

x \$.541 per mile\$48.69
x 5 days per week\$243.45
x 4 weeks per month\$973.80
x 12 months per year\$11,685.60

Wow! That's a lot of money just to drive to work! Now, let's look at some alternatives and see how much you could save.

Here's a tip:
Invest your savings in a good money market or mutual fund and watch your money grow for your kids' college education, or for holiday gifts, trips, home improvements, furniture, mortgage payments, etc.



TRIP BY CARPOOL TO WORK

(Four commuters each drive one week per month). Your round trip mileage from Frederick County to Washington, DC = 90 miles.



x \$.541 per mile\$48.69
x 5 days per week\$234.45
x 13 weeks (you drive every fourth week).....\$3,164.85

Annual savings by carpooling: \$8,520.75

TRIP BY MARC TRAIN TO WORK

(Frederick or Monocacy to Union Station)

One-way ticket\$7.00
Weekly ticket\$52.50
Ten-Trip ticket\$56.00
Monthly ticket\$175.00
Monthly tickets for 1 year.....\$2,100.00

Annual savings by not driving: \$9,585.60 *

* Savings could be reduced by the purchase of Metro monthly passes for travel beyond Union Station, which could cost as much as \$150 per month. Actual savings after subtracting \$1,500 for a year's worth of monthly Metro passes is \$8,085.60.



TRIP BY VANPOOL TO WORK

(7-15 commuters share expenses of operating a van). Your round trip mileage from Frederick County to Washington, DC = 90 miles.



Monthly cost per person\$130.00 *
x 12 months\$1,560.00

Annual savings by vanpooling: \$10,125.60

* Cost varies based on # of passengers + cost of gas.

TRIP BY MTA 991 COMMUTER BUS TO WORK

(Monocacy Park & Ride to Shady Grove Metro Station)

Daily fare (one-way)\$3.50
Ten-Trip ticket\$31.50
Monthly pass\$119.00
Monthly passes for 1 year\$1,428.00

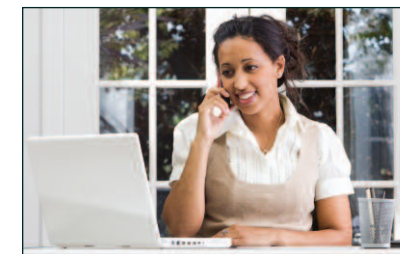
Annual savings by not driving: \$10,257.60 *

* Savings could be reduced by the purchase of Metro monthly passes for travel beyond Shady Grove, which could cost as much as \$150 per month. Actual savings after subtracting \$1,500 for a year's worth of monthly Metro passes is \$8,757.60.



TELECOMMUTING

(Working from home with office equipment and supplies provided by your employer).



Monthly travel\$0.00
x 12 months.....\$0.00

**Annual savings by telecommuting:
\$11,685.60**

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA) SMART BENEFITS PROGRAM

If you work in the Washington, DC area and take MARC, MTA 991 Commuter Bus, or a vanpool to work, you may be eligible to save even more money on your commute if your employer offers SmartBenefits SmarTrip Card commuter benefits to you each month.

SmartBenefits reduce the cost of riding transit. This program allows employers in the Washington, DC area to offer up to \$120 in tax-free transportation benefits to employees each month. Employers enroll in the SmartBenefits program and distribute SmarTrip Cards to employees. Value is added to the card either through an employer contribution, a pre-tax salary deduction, or a combination of an employer contribution and a pre-tax salary deduction. The SmartCard is valid on multiple modes. For information on the SmartBenefits program call 202-962-1326 or click on www.wmata.com



MARYLAND COMMUTER TAX CREDIT

In the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) offers a similar commuter benefits program called Commuter Choice Maryland. For information call 410-767-8755 or click on www.commuterchoicemaryland.com

Under the Commuter Choice Maryland umbrella is the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit. Maryland employers, including 501 (c) (3) or (4) organizations, may claim a tax credit for 50% of the eligible costs of providing commuter benefits, up to a maximum of \$50.00, per participating employee per month (based on a \$120 maximum tax-free monthly contribution). The tax credit can be taken against Maryland income tax or the insurance premium tax.